



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 4, 2005

Erik Stowers, Treasurer
Downtown for Democracy
181 North 11th Street, #205
Brooklyn, NY 11211

Response Due Date:
April 4, 2005

Identification Number: C00389361

Reference: Year-End Report (11/23/04 -- 12/31/04)

Dear Mr. Stowers:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18(a) Column A of your 2004 30-Day Post General and Year-End Reports combined, disclose \$229,886.76 in transfers from the non-federal account for allocated activity for the reporting period. However, Line 21(a)(ii) Column A of these reports combined discloses \$211,841.43 as the non-federal share for allocated activity for the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for allocated activity, transfers for allocated activity must be made within a 70-day time period no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.6(e)(2) and 106.7(f)(2) Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in from the non-federal account.


The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the total excessive amount which was received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date

will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1399.

Sincerely,



Ryan J. Lantz
Campaign Finance Analyst
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